

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed **September 29, 2004**. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

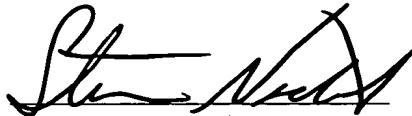
By the forgoing amendment, claims 1-5, 19-22 and 28-54 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional or continuation applications to any of the cancelled claims or to any other subject matter disclosed in the present application. Consequently, claims 6-18 and 23-27 remain pending.

In the outstanding final Office Action, claims 6-18 and 23-27 were allowed. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. Consequently, in light of the cancellation of all non-allowed claims, the application with claims 6-18 and 23-27 is now in condition for allowance.

Entry and consideration of this amendment are proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for at least the following reasons. The present amendment makes only those changes necessary to place the application in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. The amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration. And, based on the indications of the Examiner, the present amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of the present amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116 and is hereby requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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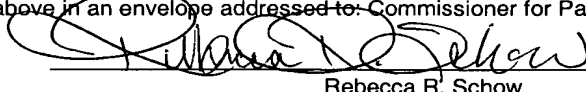
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